

Their Happy Cynicism Got Six Women Awards

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Six brilliant women, who are so modest about their achievements that they wouldn't talk about them if they could, heard their accomplishments in behalf of the American people praised last night at the 5th annual Federal Woman's Award dinner in the Statler Hilton.

Two of the women, Ann Z. Caracristi, NSA senior intelligence research analyst, and Penelope H. Thunberg, CIA deputy chief, international division, are in top-secret work. The other winners are Elizabeth Drewry, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library director; Dorothy Morrow Gilford, Navy mathematical sciences division director; Carol C. Laise, South Asian Affairs deputy director, State Department, and Dr. Sarah E. Stewart, who directs human virology studies at NIH.

TOASTMASTER William S. White, journalist, who headed the panel of judges said of the women:

"I was impressed that the personnel rolls of the Government could produce so many people of high achievement.

"Every one of them deserves a medal from a grateful Government and a grateful people."

He prefaced his remarks with a whimsical apology for "male curmudgeonism" about feminine achievement. He said the chip against career women that many middle-aged men carry on their shoulder goes back to school days when a boy hated to risk being called "teacher's pet."

Katie Louchheim, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Community Advisory Services, who presided over the dinner, said each of the winners has arrived at a "happy cynicism" toward being a woman.

"It's a good time to be a woman," Mrs. Louchheim

said, citing President Johnson's promotion and appointment of 2000 women to utilize fully their abilities. "If you are a woman you are 'in,'" she said. "If you are a man, an employer, and cannot properly appreciate women, you are 'out.'"

Woodward and Lothrop, "our hosts," are "very much 'in,'" she said, introducing Woodward and Lothrop's president, Andrew J. Parker. The department store annually makes the dinner possible.

EACH of the women was escorted by a boss from her agency as she went to the microphone to receive her bronze medal from Pulitzer Prize winner White. The medals, encased in lucite, were accompanied by leather-bound citations.

The ceremony took place before a split-level head table. Seated with the winners on the top level were Assistant Secretary of Labor Esther Peterson and U.S. Treasurer Kathryn O'Hay Granahan.

On the second deck were the judges. They included Mrs. Oswald Lord, former U.S. Representative to the U.N.; Anne Gary Pannell, Sweet Briar College president, and Caskie Stinnett, Curtis Publishing Co. editor. Former HEW Secretary Marlon B. Folsom remained on the job in Rochester, N.Y., where he is director of the Eastman Kodak Co.

Trustees were seated at the head table and were introduced as they took their seats.

For Elizabeth Carpenter, press secretary to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, the introduction was: "The creative link between the East and West—wings of the White House."

AT A RECEPTION in the Pan American Room for head table guests and award winners, Mrs. Lord, told

friends that she and her husband will leave today on a trip to Africa and Asia.

She said she was pleased with progress in New York on the recommendations in the report of the Status of Women Commission.

Dr. Stewart's sister, Laura, who is also a NIH scientist working on cancer research, was escorting their mother, Concha Stewart, around the room. Dr. Laura's work is in the effect of heat on fat. "French fried foods," she oversimplified, to make it understandable.

All previous winners of the award attended the dinner, except two who had flu. Evelyn Anderson came all the way from the Ames Research Center, near San Francisco, for the event.

MISS CARACRISTI and Mrs. Thunberg both put their unusually high degree of personal intelligence to work in collecting intelligence to insure the national security.

A code expert whose contribution to the National Security Agency has been to plan and direct multi-million dollar research programs, Miss Caracristi speaks the language of cryptography through computers in her administrative job.

Mrs. Thunberg (associates call her "Dr." because she holds a Ph.D.) serves the Central Intelligence Agency. She speaks the language of money and directs the agency's major research in the Sino-Soviet bloc's international economic activities.

Miss Drewry (she, too, is a Ph.D.) speaks the language of the Roosevelts. Director of the F.D.R. library at Hyde Park, N.Y., she is in charge of all the late President's archives, and is working toward an addition to house those of his wife, the late Eleanor Roosevelt, as well.

MRS. GILFORD talks in the accents of a scientist, which she is, and supplies the only feminine voice on the Office of Naval Research's team of six division directors whose expertise covers all scientific disciplines. She conducted an \$18-million research program in a dozen countries, winning the outspoken respect of military men, educators and the international scientific community.

Miss Laise speaks in the tactful tones of a diplomat, advancing U.S. foreign policy objectives through international organizations. She is a State Department expert on South Asia (and this does not include the eastern part where the Viet-Cong trouble is going on).

Dr. Stewart might have spoken Mexican, like her mother, but moved to the States when she was 5. Now her erudite talk usually concerns viral carcinogenesis. A commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, she heads the human virus studies section and is celebrated for her unique discovery that certain virus strains jump species barriers and produce cancers in other than their natural hosts.

Two of these brainy women combine marriage and a career. Leon Gilford is a statistician with Operations Research, Inc. in Silver Spring. Howard E. Thunberg is a contract specialist in the Office of Coal Research of the Department of the Interior.